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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (LAPO):  
FLEISCHMAN/LINCH VISIT

REF SOFIA 2258

1. REFTEL COVERS TEAM'S VISIT THERE.

2. BUCHAREST: OUR ACTIVITIES IN BUCHAREST WERE SIMILAR. WE MET WITH ARIA REPRESENTATIVES AND DISCUSSED: A) HOTELS-ARIA WILL ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE THE LAPO IN THE NEW DOROBANTI HOTEL WHICH FLEISCHMAN HAS APPROVED. THE HOTEL NORD IS THE SECOND CHOICE BUT IS NOISIER AND FURTHER FROM THE DOWNTOWN AREA. IT WILL BE USED ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. B) FACILITIES- THERE ARE NO APPARENT PROBLEMS WITH THE SUPPORT FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY ARIA DURING THE VISIT. THEY WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETERS, BUSES, ETC. C) PER DIEM- THE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT ARIA IS LIMITED BY THE GOR PRACTICE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAYING A MAXIMUM OF 100 LEI PER DAY, ABOUT EIGHT DOLLARS,

WHICH IS PROBABLY NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COST OF THREE MEALS. THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT FOURTEEN DOLLARS WOULD BE A MORE REALISTIC PER DIEM AND PLANS TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH ARIA. D) TRANSPORTATION- THE PAYMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IS A MAJOR PROBLEM. AFTER THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A LAPO TOUR, AIRA RECEIVED APPROVAL OF THEIR BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT FROM THE GOR WHICH INCLUDED FUNDS FOR HOUSING, FOOD ALLOWANCE AND FACILITATIVE SERVICES WHICH INCLUDED IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION BUT DID NOT INCLUDE FUNDS TO COVER THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. ARIA IS WILLING TO GO BACK TO THE GOR FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS; BUT THEY ARE CONCERNED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE GOR WILL PROVIDE THESE FUNDS, SINCE A VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT IS NEEDED.

3. WARSAW: WE HELD A TWO AND ONE HALF HOUR DISCUSSION WITH MRS. KRYSZYNA ORCHOWSKA, VICE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND ART AND MS. ANNA OSTROWSKA, OF THE POLISH ARTISTIC AGENCY (PAGART). THE MEETING COVERED: A) HOTELS AND FACILITATIVE SERVICES - THE FORUM HOTEL, A NEW INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR HOUSING THE LAPO. FLEISCHMAN HAS VISITED THE HOTEL AND APPROVED. PAGART WILL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. B) PER DIEM- THE MINISTRY HAS OFFERED A 220 ZLOTY PER DAY PER DIEM. THIS IS PROBABLY NOT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COST OF THREE MEALS. THE EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM LATER WITH THE MINISTRY. C) DATES- THE MINISTRY REGRETTED TO INFORM US THAT THE ORIGINAL DATES PROPOSED FOR THE LAPO PERFORMANCES CONFLICT WITH JUBILEE CONCERTS ALREADY SCHEDULED BY THE WARSAW PHILHARMONIC. AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION, WHICH INCLUDED THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING LAPO APPEAR IN BOTH KRAKOW AND WARSAW FOR ONE CONCERT, PAGART AND THE MINISTRY AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE LAPO CONCERTS ON THE 25TH AND 26TH IN WARSAW, AND FLEISCHMAN AGREED TO MOVE THE FREE DAY TO THE 27TH. D) INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION- THIS A MAJOR PROBLEM. IN A LENGTHY OPENING STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, VICE DIRECTOR ORCHOWSKA SAID THAT THE GOP NEVER PAYS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES OF PERFORMING ARTIST GROUPS VISITING POLAND FROM ABROAD AND EMPHASIZED THAT THEY COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT SET A PRECEDENT IN THIS INSTANCE. SHE MADE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM:

1. THE GOP WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE LAPO FROM BUDAPEST TO WARSAW IF THE USG IS WILLING TO GIVE ITS ASSURANCES THAT FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO USG FUNDING OF PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR POLISH PERFORMING ARTIST GROUPS TRAVELING TO THE U.S.
2. VICE DIRECTOR ORCHOWSKA EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS

TO SEEK GOP AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE LAPO FROM BUDAPEST TO WARSAW IF U.S. PARTNERS, IN THE FORM OF THE USG OR POSSIBLY A U.S. COMPANY OR FOUNDATION, CAN BE FOUND TO SHARE THE EXPENSES. THESE PROPOSALS WERE DISCUSSED AT GREAT LENGTH. VICE DIRECTOR ORCHOWSKA SAID THAT THE U.S. TOURS OF POLISH PERFORMING ARTIST GROUPS, SUCH AS THE NATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION ORCHESTRA FROM KATOWICE WHICH TOURED THE U.S. IN 1974 OR THE WARSAW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA WHICH TOURED THE U.S. IN 1973, ARE ALWAYS HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED BY THE GOP THOUGH THE GOP HAS TO ARRANGE THEM THROUGH COMMERCIAL IMPRESARIOS. SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOP ALWAYS MUST PAY ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES. E) IT WAS APPARENT THROUGHOUT THE LENGTHY MEETING THAT THERE IS A SINCERE DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE GOP TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE LAPO TO PERFORM HERE. IT WAS ALSO APPARENT THAT THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY CAN ASSIST IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS UNLESS ONE OF THE TWO SUGGESTIONS LISTED IN PARA D ABOVE IS APPROVED. WE ARE SURE THAT ALL OTHER DETAILS FOR THE POLISH PERFORMANCES CAN BE WORKED OUT MOST SATISFACTORILY.

4. LETTER FOLLOWS FROM THE EMBASSY TO CU/ARTS ON THIS SUBJECT.  
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